

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 24, which begins as "The injection needles according to . . ." as follows:

The injection needles according to Inventive Examples 1 through 3 and Comparative Examples 1 through 6 were used ~~use~~ to pierce a silicone rubber sheet (durometer hardness A50:JIS-K6253) having a thickness of 0.5 mm, and penetration of resistance curves were measured using an autograph (manufactured by Shimadzu Corp. AGS-1kNG). The penetration speed was 10 mm/min. The obtained penetration resistance curves are shown in Fig. 6. There has been no significant difference between the penetration resistance curves of Inventive Example 3 and Inventive Example 1.

Please replace Table 2, located on page 24, with the following:

Table 2: Edge surface shapes of injection needles
according to Comparative Examples

Comparative Example	1	2	3	4	5	6
Outside diameter (mm)	0.2	0.2	0.25	0.25	0.3	0.3
α (degrees)	9	8.5	9	9	9	9
γ (degrees)	130	129	120	130	120	130
ϕ (degrees)	18	18	18	22	18	22
θ (degrees)	18	18	18	22	18	22

s (μm)	0	0	0	0	0	0
C1/A	0.43	0.36	0.46	0.34	0.47	0.34
C2/A	0.43	0.36	0.46	0.34	0.47	0.34